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Title: **MAGNETIC ROLLER AND METHODS OF PRODUCING THE SAME**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

In response to the Official Action mailed September 27, 2002, please consider the following
election and traverse.

REMARKS

Group II, Claims 11-15 are elected for examination in response to the restriction of the Official
Action.

The restriction is respectfully TRAVERSED. While an alternative process to make the product
of the Group I claims may be possible or developed in the future, none is known to the undersigned or
suggested in the Official Action. By the terms of MPEP Sect. 806.05(f) cited in the Official Action
restriction is not supported if 1) the process as claimed can be used to make other and material different
product or 2) the product "can" be made by another and materially different process. Since the process
claimed is to making a roller using a foaming agent, and the product claimed is a foamed roller, 1) above
seems clearly not met. With respect to 2) above, the word "can" is in the present tense, which excludes
theoretical speculation and potential future innovations. In fact, the fourth paragraph of the foregoing
Sect. 806.05(f) reads, "If applicant convincingly traverses the requirement, the burden shifts to the

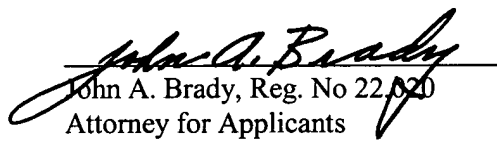
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examiner to document a viable alternative process or product, or withdraw the requirement.”

According, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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